

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Robert ROHWER et al.

Examiner: Agnieszka Boesen

Serial No.: 10/520,785

Group Art Unit: 1648

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Title: METHODS FOR DETECTING AND INACTIVATING A PRION

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of September 13, 2007, applicants hereby elect Group II, with traverse.

The restriction requirement should be withdrawn because the examiner has not established in any way that a searching burden would be involved if all three of the groups were examined together. Consequently, the restriction is unjustified.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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